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New INL bus combines historic look with modern features

The newest bus in the Idaho National Laboratory fleet doesn't look much like the other buses. The new yellow tour bus, with its curved back and retro headlights, harkens back to the historic buses that roamed Yellowstone National Park in the 1930s. But its modern features make it ideal for accommodating today's laboratory visitors.

The INL tour bus can seat up to 20 passengers and give them a good view of passing scenery through the large side windows. The bus

is equipped to show DVDs and other visual media so that tour directors can easily make presentations to riders about INL as they travel. A low floor design and a ramp that extends from the passenger door make access

easier and allow the bus to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The bus will run on biodiesel, but can use normal diesel fuel if necessary.

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INL collaborated with other government agencies and private automotive industry in developing the yellow bus -- the National Park Service, the Department of Energy, the Federal Transit Authority and ARBOC, a private automotive company. It is adapted from an early version of a tour coach INL engineers helped develop with Yellowstone National Park for summer and winter use in the park. While the Yellowstone coach can be converted from tires to treads for winter travel, INL's yellow tour bus will travel only on tires.

The INL's yellow tour bus was displayed and operated in Idaho Falls several years ago during a nationwide tour of the vehicle. DOE-Idaho officials acquired the bus after



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recognizing the technology features that would benefit the INL tours program, which interacts with thousands of visitors each year, as well as scores of VIP visits.

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and Kentucky Rep. Harold Rogers, who toured INL's Critical Infrastructure Protection research facilities. The bus will be operated through INL's Communications and Public Affairs tours office.

Contact the tours office at (208) 526-0050 for more information.

INL YELLOW BUS HIGHLIGHTS

- Low overall height of 109 inches
- Low floor design and kneeling feature that allows coach to kneel another 4 inches for easier access
- ADA compliant with wheel chair lift
- Flat floor throughout
- Front cap park bus styling
- Large torpedo clearance lights
- LED rear lights (with heat elements)
- Tinted clear-view top windows with reflective coating
- Retro-styled transition cab to body
- Continental spare tire kit
- Large side windows with 36-inch height opening (17% tint)
- Bi-fold power Braun ramp
- (12-volt) with electric heat mat
- 22-inch flat screen LCD monitor
- Rhino Liner® (Black/dark grey) bedliner on floor
- Exterior-heated remote 3200DF mirrors
- High-end executive floor plan
- Passenger capacity of 22 or 20 with 2 wheelchairs

